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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Current Projects

(No current projects)

Past Projects

Organizational Development and Capacity Building Project (September 1999 - June 2002)

Through an organizational development project, the American Red Cross actively supported the establishment of the Red Cross of the Bosnia and Herzegovina, formed in December 2000. The project is helping this national society to establish a strong statutory and legal base as well as improve governance systems. Focusing on the development of a five-year strategic plan, long-term marketing and fundraising plans and operational and procedural standards, the project aims to enhance the performance of the organization at all levels and improve service delivery to the most vulnerable in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

American Red Cross History in Bosnia and Herzegovina

In 1995, the American Red Cross began providing assistance to vulnerable populations in response to conflict which ravaged Bosnia during the mid 1990s. Since that time, the American Red Cross has managed a large-scale supplemental feeding program for the elderly in both the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Serbska Republika, distributing more than 20,000 metric tons of food valued at more than \$17 million. At its height in 1998 and 1999, this program, through an active partnership with the local Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross, provided critical supplemental food support to more than 135,000 civilians over the age of 65.

In June 2000, the American Red Cross donated \$500,000 to support the Home Care Program. Each year 1,000 volunteers provide high quality community based home care services to more than 10,000 most vulnerable elderly people throughout the country. With this donation, the American Red Cross worked with the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina to gradually reposition the Home Care Program towards a self-sustainable community service program.

Country Overview

The Bosnia and Herzegovina declaration of sovereignty in October 1991 was followed by a referendum for independence from the former Yugoslavia in February 1992. The Bosniak Serbs, supported by neighboring Serbia, responded with armed resistance aimed at partitioning the republic along ethnic lines and joining Serb-held areas to form a "greater Serbia." In March 1994, Bosniaks and Croats reduce number of warring factions from three to two by signing an agreement creating a joint Bosniak/Croat Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. On November 21, 1995, in Dayton, Ohio, the warring parties signed a peace agreement that brought the three years of armed conflict to a halt.

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The peace agreement established Bosnia and Herzegovina as a country of two entities, each with a high level of autonomy. At this time Bosnia and Herzegovina is experiencing a protracted and multifaceted transition process. The country continues to grapple with the political, social and economic problems inherent in constructing a single state from two ethnically divided entities, while at the same time continuing the process of reconstruction from the effects of the war as well as managing the transition from a centrally-planned economy to a free market system.

Human development ranking (out of 175 nations)	NA
Population	3,964,388
Population growth rate	0.76%
Infant mortality rate	23.53 deaths/1,000 live births
Under-five mortality rate	NA
Life expectancy at birth	72.02 years
Total fertility rate	1.71 children born/woman
Maternal mortality ratio	NA
HIV/AIDS adult prevalence rate	0.04%
People living with HIV/AIDS	NA
HIV/AIDS deaths	Less than 100
Adult literacy rate	
Total population	NA
Male	NA
Female	NA
GDP per capita	\$1,800
Population living on \$1 a day	NA
Population living below national poverty line	NA
Population without access to safe water	NA
Population without access to adequate sanitation	NA

Statistical sources: CIA World Factbook 2002, UNDP Human Development Report 2003

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